GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES
LOK SABHA

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TIDAL POWER PROJECT IN ANDHRA PRADESH
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Will the Minister of NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are considering a proposal for establishment of a `Tidal Power Project` in the Gulf of Kutch;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Central Electricity Authority is associated with this power project;

(d) if so, whether any other sites have been located on the East Coast, particularly Andhra Pradesh; and

(e) if so, the details thereof ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) (SHRI M. KANNAPPAN)

(a), (b) & (c): Yes, Sir. A committee has been constituted under the Chairmanship of Shri D.V. Khera, Member Hydro, Central Electricity Authority on the 900 MW Kutch Tidal Power Project for estimating the present cost of the project. The documents on `Request for Qualifications` and `Request for Proposal` are under preparation to establish the feasibility of setting up such a project through private sector participation.

(d) & (e): Based on a Techno-Economic Feasibility Report, a Detailed Project Report is being prepared for the establishment of a 3 MW Durgaduani Mini Tidal Power Project in Sunderbans area of West Bengathrough the West Bengal Renewable Energy Development Agency. So far, no viable site has been located in Andhra Pradesh.